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Dear Ray:

The attached letter which was brought to the Embassy marked "Eyes Only" for me is from the former air attache here in Guatemala, and I think it might be of interest to you.

Osegueda had arranged for me to have lunch with him and Toriello last Saturday, January 2. I returned from Lake Atitlan the previous evening to keep this appointment but was informed that Mr. Toriello was ill and the luncheon had to be cancelled. Later that afternoon he was seen at the Guatemala Country Club. I might also add that he had announced that he was leaving here on the 14th. Osegueda told me that he had a tentative appointment to see the President on the 16th. Yesterday Toriello asked to see me, stating that he was leaving today at 3:10 by Pan American for the States. I, unfortunately, was too busy and could not see him. I think it is just as well.

I am very much in favor of the President's seeing the Ambassador for two reasons. First, it would enable him to get from the President the official views; and, second, this Government might retaliate and not permit me to see Arbenz should I ever want to again.

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The rumor constantly crops up that Toriello will replace Osegueda before the Caracas Conference.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

John E. Peurifoy

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